

House Resolution 117

By: Representatives Keen of the 179th, Davis of the 122nd, and Cole of the 125th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia Tech head football coach Paul Johnson on being named the Atlantic
2 Coast Conference Coach of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2007, Paul Johnson was named the 12th head football coach
4 in the history of the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Johnson inherited one of the youngest teams in the nation with 76
6 freshmen and sophomores, a squad with young players at almost every position; and

7 WHEREAS, *Sports Illustrated* projected Coach Johnson's first Yellow Jacket team to win
8 just three games in 2008, and many pundits questioned whether Coach Johnson's option
9 based spread offense would work at the college level; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Johnson instilled a new level of toughness, discipline, and accountability
11 in his team and insisted that his players represent the Georgia Institute of Technology in a
12 positive manner; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia Tech surprised all the aforementioned critics by winning nine games
14 in 2008, earning a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference Coastal Division title, achieving
15 a ranking of #14 in the final Bowl Championship Series poll, and winning an invitation to
16 the Chick-fil-A Bowl Game in Atlanta, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Johnson was named the National Coach of the Year by CBS Sportsline;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Paul Johnson won more games than any first-year coach in the history
20 of Georgia Tech football and is the school's first ACC Football Coach of the Year since
21 2000.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend Coach Paul Johnson on earning the title of Atlantic
24 Coast Conference Coach of the Year and heartily congratulate him on his outstanding
25 accomplishments and contributions to Georgia Tech and the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Paul Johnson.